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In the application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
    EDITING PERFORMANCE DATA
    WITH MODIFICATIONS OF ICONS OF
    MUSICAL SYMBOLS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

    This is a preliminary amendment to accompany the above-identified divisional application. The entire disclosure of the prior application, application serial no. 09/666,364 filed on September 20, 2000, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying divisional application and is hereby entirely incorporated by reference.

    The present application claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 11-269582 filed September 24, 1999. All papers and documents required to make the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f) were filed in the parent case on September 20, 2000.

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Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DESCRIPTION:

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a division of Application Serial No. 09/666,364, filed on September 20, 2000. which application is specifically incorporated herein, in its entirety, by reference.